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On Saturday, the 22nd of last month, a meeting of the Institution took place for the purpose of deciding upon the merits of the Welsh Essays on the love of country (*Gwladgarwch,*) for which, as we noticed in our last number, medals had been offered to the several grammar schools in Wales. Six Essays were produced on the present occasion, three from each division of the Principality, and the successful competitors were declared to be Mr. DAVID JAMES, of Cardigan School, and Mr. EVAN EVANS, of Berriew School, in Montgomeryshire. It but justice to add, however, that the compositions of the other candidates were all more or less distinguished for their merit, for which reason we here subjoin the names of the authors, premising only, that the first on the list well deserves, on this occasion, the place he there occupies.

South Wales.

Mr. JAMES WILLIAMS, (*Pwy.*) } Ystradmeurig
Mr. JAMES WILLIAMS MORRIS, (*Meurig.*) } School.

North Wales.

Mr. EVAN O. HUGHES, Beaumaris School.

Mr. RICHARD BRISCOE, Ruthin School.

After the opinion, we expressed on this subject last month, it is hardly necessary to add, that the result has somewhat surprised us, though the number of candidates was much less than might have been anticipated under more favouring circumstances. However, we are glad to find, that we were, in some degree, mistaken with respect to North Wales, though we are still inclined to think, that, in the cultivation, we mean the classical cultivation, of the Welsh tongue among the rising generation, South Wales merits the palm.

Miss ANN JONES of Guilsfield, near Welshpool, has recently been elected an Honorary Member of the Cymmrodorion.

CAMBRIAN SOCIETY IN GWENT.

WE transcribe from the *Hereford Journal* the following account of a meeting, which took place at Brecon, early last month, for the purpose of forming a Society in the province of Gwent, (the project of which we noticed in our last,) similar to those already established in the other parts of the Principality.

"On Wednesday, the fifth of December, a Meeting was held according to public advertisement at the Town Hall, Brecon,

which was very respectably attended, when a Society was formed in the District, for the Preservation of the remains of Ancient British Literature, and the encouragement of the Poetry and Music of Wales, under the name of the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY IN GWENT. At the commencement of the proceedings, Major Price, who had made himself well acquainted with the subject, was elected Chairman, in the absence of Sir Charles Morgan, Bart. whose presence was expected on the interesting occasion. When the able and worthy Chairman entered on the duties of his office, he read letters and communications from the Bishop of St. David's, Sir Charles Morgan, Bart. Rev. John Williams, Colonel Wood, M. P. Rev. W. J. Rees, George Morgan, Esq. Richard Lewis, Esq. Thomas Swinnerton, Esq. Rev. John Bowen, William Morgan, Esq. Rev. Canon Payne, W. A. Madocks, Esq. M. P. Rev. Thomas Richards, and the Rev. Dr. Williams, in which they expressed the interest they took in the proceedings on the occasion and their wishes for the success of the proposed Society. These letters having been read, a long and interesting Address sn the objects of the Cambrian Societies, with observations on the objections that have been made to them, was delivered by the Rev. W. J. Rees.*

"This address having been concluded, the Meeting expressed their general opinion of its merit by voting their thanks to the author on the occasion, and requesting that a copy might be had to be deposited among the Records of the Society. Penry Williams, Esq. Major Price, Rev. John Hughes, Mr. Taliesin Williams, Hugh Bold, Esq. delivered their sentiments at some length respecting the objects of the proposed Society, which evinced the laudable attention they had paid to the subject on account of which the Meeting was convened. Resolutions were then passed wherein the Society was instituted, and declared to be in union with the Cambrian Metropolitan Institution, the Cambrian Society in Dyved, and the Cymmrodorion Societies in Powys and Gwynedd, having his most gracious Majesty George IV. for Grand Patron. The nobility resident in, and connected with the district, comprehending the Counties of Brecon, Glamorgan, Monmouth, and Radnor, were nominated, that they might be respectfully requested to become Patrons of the Socioty. Sir Charles Morgan, Bart. was then named that he might be respect-

* We intend to insert this Address in our next.—ED.

fully requested to be President. The Baronets, Knights, and Members of Parliament, resident in, or connected with, the district, and the Reverend the Archdeacons of Brecon and Llandaff were next nominated, that they might be respectfully requested to become Vice-Presidents. And several of the Gentry and Clergy of the district, who doubtless would aid the Society with their kind and able services, were named that they might be requested to be Members of the Committee. The Right Hon. Lord Dynevor, President of the Cambrian Society in Dyved, Sir W. W. Wynn, President of the Cymmrodorion or Cambrian Metropolitan Institution, and of the Cymmrodorion Society in Powys, and the Most Noble the Marquis of Anglesea, President of the Cymmrodorion Society in Gwynedd, and the Right Rev. the Bishops of St. Asaph and Bangor, were elected Honorary Members of the Society. John Parry Wilkins, Esq. was appointed Treasurer, and Philip Vaughan, Esq. Secretary to the Society. Several resolutions were afterwards passed, authorizing and instructing the Committee in managing the concerns of the Society, and conducting the proceedings at the ensuing Eisteddvod at Brecon. The Meeting then broke up, and the Gentry separated with a deep sense of the importance of the transactions of the meeting.

"The Committee immediately afterwards held their primary Meeting, which was adjourned to the followiug day, when the preliminary proceedings for the Eisteddvod were entered into, and the subjects for the prize Poems and Essays were agreed on, and directions given for their publication in the public papers. From the pains taken and ability evinced on this occasion, and in the other Proceedings by those who were so kind as to undertake the business, there is every reason to believe that the whole concerns of the Society will be conducted in a manner worthy of its importance, and that the Eisteddfod with the patronage it expects will, when held, be highly to the credit of the district."

On the 6th instant the adjourned meeting of the Committee, as above stated, took place, the Rev. Hugh Bold in the Chair, when Sir E. P. Lloyd, Bart. and C. W. W. Wynn, Esq. M. P. the Rev. Archdeacon of Cardigan, with several other individuals, who have prominently interested themselves in the cause of Welsh literature, were added to the list of honorary members above given: and a few works recently published, or now in the

course of publication, having reference to the object of the society, were recommended to the general notice of its members. The Committee then proceeded to nominate the following subjects for the Prize Poems and Essays, to be prepared for the *Eisteddvod* to be holden at Brecon, in the course of this year; and for which medals or other premiums will be awarded.

1. The AWDL.—"The memorable period, during which our most Gracious Sovereign George the Fourth exercised, as Regent, the powers of Government over the United Kingdom, commencing with the debarkation of the British Troops in Portugal, and terminating with the Glorious Victory on the Field of Waterloo."

2. The CYWYDD.—"The overthrow of the Egyptians in the Red Sea."

3. The ENGLYN.—"The Rainbow."

4. An ENGLISH ESSAY.—"The Credibility of the Massacre of the British Nobles at Stonehenge, as grounded upon the authority of the Welsh Bards, and other ancient writers; and of the identity and real character of the celebrated British leader Ambrosius."

5. Another ENGLISH ESSAY.—"The Ancient and Present State of the Welsh Language, with particular reference to the Dialects."

In addition to the foregoing, prizes were also proposed for the best proficients on the Harp, for the best Singer with that instrument, and also for "the best Copy of Verses, in the Welsh language, on a subject to be proposed on the first day of the *Eisteddvod*, and the verses to be recited on the second."

We have only to add to the preceding account, that the spirit and judgment, with which the primary proceedings of the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY IN GWENT have been conducted, reflect great credit upon the gentlemen, who have so zealously exerted themselves on the occasion, and are well worthy of general emulation.

CELTIC MSS. IN DUBLIN.

IT is well known to the admirers of Celtic literature, that Trinity College, Dublin, contains a very extensive collection of